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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER: ATLANTIC
DECLARATION, NATO MINISTERIAL, BRUSSELS SUMMIT, AND
GUINEA-BISSAU

BEGIN SUMMARY. FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND HAS EXPRESSED
HIS AND PRIME MINISTER'S PLEASURE AT OUTCOME OF
ATLANTIC DECLARATION EXERCISE AND CONFIRMED THEY WILL BOTH
ATTEND BRUSSELS SUMMIT. DURING PRE-OTTAWA TOUR
D'HORIZON THIS MORNING (JUNE 15), FRYDENLUND ALSO TOLD ME HE
DOES NOT INTEND TO REOPEN WORDING OF PARA 6 OF
DECLARATION AT OTTAWA. HE PLANS BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS
WITH PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES AND SAYS SWEDES HAVE
AGREED TO HOLD OFF ON RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU UNTIL
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AFTER HIS OTTAWA TALKS. END SUMMARY.

1. FRYDENLUND DID NOT CONCEAL HIS DELIGHT THAT, AS NORWAY HAD HOPED ALL ALONG, THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION WILL BE AN ALL-ENCOMPASSING DOCUMENT AND WILL BE ISSUED FAR IN ADVANCE OF A POSSIBLE US-EC DECLARATION. NORWEGIAN DELEGATION TO NATO HAD MAINTAINED RESERVATION ON PARA 6 OF DECLARATION TO ALLOW FOR POSSIBILITY THAT CABINET OR STORTING FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WOULD FIND WORDING ON UK-FRENCH NUCLEAR DETERRENT UNACCEPTABLE. BOTH BODIES HAVE NOW APPROVED TEXT, HOWEVER, AND FRYDENLUND SAID HE DOES NOT INTEND TO TAKE INITIATIVE AT OTTAWA TO CHANGE TEXT. IF OTHERS REOPEN QUESTIONS OF PHRASEOLOGY, HE MAY CONTRIBUTE.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO SAID HE HAS TWO AIMS IN MIND FOR THE OTTAWA COMMUNIQUE--HE WANTS IT TO CONTAIN SOME POSITIVE LANGUAGE ON THE SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST SUCCESSES, AND HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME RECOGNITION OF RECENT EVENTS IN PORTUGAL AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT (THOUGH HE AGREED WITH ME IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS TO GO OVERBOARD ON LATTER). HE MAY NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE ON EITHER PROPOSAL, BUT IN HIS SIDE TALKS HE WILL ENCOURAGE CONSENSUS FOR INCLUSION OF BOTH PASSAGES.

3. FRYDENLUND'S INTENDED BILATERAL MEETING WITH SOARES IN OTTAWA IS RELATED IN PART TO GUINEA-BISSAU QUESTION AND DESIRE OF SWEDEN TO MOVE AHEAD RAPIDLY ON RECOGNITION. HE SAID THAT, ON BASIS OF REPORTS BROUGHT BACK FROM LISBON BY NORDIC SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DELEGATION, SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON IS CONVINCED PROMPT RECOGNITION WOULD BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE TO NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT. FRYDENLUND SAYS HE IS NOT SO CONVINCED AND HAS PERSUADED ANDERSSON TO HOLD OFF UNTIL HE HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE SOUNDINGS WITH SOARES IN OTTAWA.

4. ON GREECE, FRYDENLUND SAYS HE LEARNED HIS LESSON LAST TIME AND DOES NOT INTEND TO RAISE THE GREEK PROBLEM IN MINISTERIAL PLENARY. THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER HAVING SUGGESTED THAT THE NORWEGIANS TAKE UP THEIR GRIEVANCES PRIVATELY, FRYDENLUND INTENDS TO DO JUST THAT, MAKING A SPECIAL PLEA DURING BILATERAL WITH HIS GREEK COUNTERPART
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FOR RELEASE OF A FORMER GREEK OFFICIAL FROM PRISON. IF THAT WORKS, NORWEGIANS WILL BE GREATLY ENCOURAGED.

5. FRYDENLUND SAID THAT HE WILL ACCOMPANY PRIME MINISTER BRATTELI TO THE BRUSSELS SUMMIT AND TOLD ME HE AND BRATTELI BELIEVE MEETING WILL BE EXTREMELY USEFUL--NOT JUST BECAUSE OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION BUT BECAUSE THERE ARE "MANY NEW FACES" AND SUMMIT

WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR VALUABLE GENERAL EXCHANGE
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